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**SIMPLY BIBLICAL | FAMILY INTEGRATED**

# Church – The Beginnings, Part 17

## Simply Biblical Church Leadership – part 2

Acts 6:1-7; Ephesians 4:11-16



**1. The Leadership God gives to Benefit each local church family:**

**a. Not only are they Gifted for this work, they ARE – GIFTS – from God for the church - yes, they are God’s Gifts to the church**

**b. Four-folded Gifted church leadership – (based upon the sentence in Greek)  
These are Categories of Functional Leadership Roles for and/or within the local church (see 1 Cor. 12:28-31 →**

**“... first apostles, second prophets, third teachers ...”)**

**i. Apostles (sent ones → equivalent to “missionaries”)**

**ii. Prophets (boiling over → prophetic role →  
warning / admonishing / convicting)**

**iii. Evangelists (Preaching / Proclaiming / Explaining the Good News –  
soul winners)**

**iv. Pastor-Teachers or Teaching-Pastors  
(shepherding/teaching/caring/nurturing)**

**c. This is Pastoral-Eldership Leadership – 1 Peter 5:1-7 –  
Peter was an Apostle and an Elder**

## 2. Their Goal: EQUIPPING the Saints FOR the Work of the Ministry:

Greek → καταρτισμός (katartismos) –

(Strong's Greek #G2677 → from #G2675)

This word refers to the restoring of anything to its original place; then putting in order, making complete, etc. Such as with healing of a broken bone, repairing a torn fishing net, or restoring broken people to their proper working order in Christ. Restoring and Repairing toward the goal of Usefulness, Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Fruitfulness.

[ go to: <http://bit.ly/G2675WS> ]

The Work of the Ministry → the word for “Service” or “Ministry” is the same as “Deacon” or “Servant.” → Energetic, Servant-hearted Servants of Christ, who have been Restored and are being Restored to their Proper Working Order & Fitting with Usefulness and Effectiveness.

### 3. Results of this Equipping → Ephesians 4:12-16

- a. **Edification → Being Built up – Growth in Christ with each other, for each other** (the rest verse 12)
- b. **Unity in Christ – according to the Word of God – “the Faith” (Jude 1:13)**  
(verse 13)
- c. **Maturity in our relationship with Christ, intimately, personally, together - Christ is ALL – Jesus Christ become our LIFE – Our EVERYTHING** (vs 13)
- d. **Doctrinal Purity, Doctrinal Soundness – no longer tossed to and fro by every wind of FALSE Doctrine – by the craftiness, deceitful ...** (verse 14)
- e. **Speaking the Truth in Love → Growth – Qualitative and Numeric Growth**  
(verse 15)
- f. **Every Christian engaged in doing their part, in Christ, per their gift(s) for Christ** (verse 16) – Everyone is pitching in, no laziness, no just “soaking it up”  
→ Be the Sea of Galilee ← ||| → **DON'T Be the DEAD SEA !!!**

## **4. How do they Accomplish this?**

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→ Sound Doctrine (also see 2 Timothy 1:15 & 2:15 – and – Col. 1:27-28)**

**1 Timothy 5:17-18 “especially those that labor hard at Preaching & Teaching...”**

**Titus 1:9 - holding fast the FAITHFUL WORD as he has been taught, that he may be able, by SOUND DOCTRINE, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.**

**Titus 2:1 - But as for you, SPEAK the things which are PROPER for SOUND DOCTRINE (NKJV)**

**2 Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth. (HCSB)**

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**2 Timothy 3:16-4:4 - <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> SO THAT the man of God may be adequate, EQUIPPED for every GOOD WORK.**

**4:1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> PREACH THE WORD; be ready in season and out of season; REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will NOT endure SOUND DOCTRINE; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.**

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**Colossians 1:27-28 - God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**  
**<sup>28</sup> We proclaim Him [i.e.: Christ], WARNING and TEACHING everyone with ALL WISDOM, so that we may present everyone MATURE [i.e. COMPLETE] in Christ.**

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b. By Example - 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:7,17

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 - <sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers, to give recognition **to those** who labor among you **and** lead you in the LORD **and** admonish you, <sup>13</sup> **and to** regard them very highly in love **BECAUSE of** their work. **Be at peace among yourselves.**

Hebrews 13:7 - **Remember your leaders who taught you the Word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the EXAMPLE of their faith.**

1 Timothy 4:12 ... **be an EXAMPLE to the believers in WORD, in CONDUCT, in Love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.**

1 Timothy 5:17-18 - <sup>17</sup> **The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.** <sup>18</sup> **For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."**

## **The Goal of *God-Provided* Leadership is:**

**SPEAKING the TRUTH in LOVE, may GROW UP in all things into Him who is the HEAD — Christ — <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together BY what every joint supplies, according to the EFFECTIVE WORKING by which EVERY part DOES ITS SHARE, causes GROWTH of the body for the edifying of itself in LOVE (Eph. 4:15-16)**

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,  
For What He has done, and What He is Yet  
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY  
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE  
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD  
The GOD of ISRAEL**

